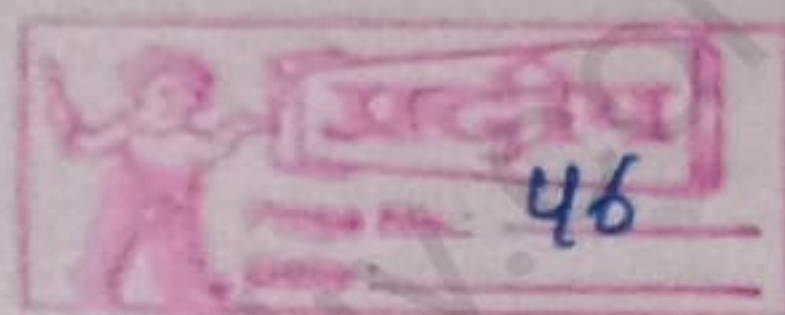


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Snapshot Chapter - 2

The Address

Ques - 'Have you come back?' said the woman. 'I thought that no one had come back'. Does this statement give some clue about the story? If yes, what is it?

Ans - This statement gives us a hint that both the woman and the narrator know each other. The narrative revolves around a girl trying to find her mother's ancient possessions with an adult lady. This girl's mother knew about an upcoming war and so had gradually moved all her valuable belongings to the residence of her acquaintance, Mrs. Dooling. As her mother had expired during the war, the woman Mrs. Dooling did not expect anyone to come afterwards and claim the precious belongings. When the girl came to collect them, she was shocked. The given statement shows that the lady is selfish and does not want to share the antiques that do not even belong to her. She doesn't even recognize the girl as her past acquaintance and refuses to even let her inside her home.

Ques 2 - The story is divided into pre-war and post-war times. What hardships do you think the girl underwent during these times?

Ans - The account "The Address" is divided into post-war and pre-war times. The girl belonged to a rich family. The girl's family had a lot of valuable things. There is clear evidence of the difficulties which the story teller had to experience in these times. During the pre-war times, the girl lived in another place distant from her mother and visited her very rarely. During those times, her mother was worried that her precious thing would be lost in the war. They were worried that they would have to leave the house. The girl was in a small hired house with its shutters overlaid with blackout paper. She was unable to see anything outside and the threat of death was also upon them. However, during the post-war period, everything returned to normalcy. The girl could open the shutters of her room and look outside without about anything. She had a powerful urge to look at her mother's properties and so also visited Mrs. Doolings.

Ques 3 - why did the narrator of the story want to forget the address?

Ans 3 - The narrator desired to forget the address as it prompted her to remember the tender remembrances of her mother, their home and valuable belongings, and her earlier life before the war, which she could never have back! She, therefore, decided to forget the address and move on.

Ques 4 - 'The Address' is a story of human predicament the follows war. Comment.

Ans 4 - War brings death and destruction with it. The story 'The Address' describes a girl's life in post-war and pre-war times. The war created many obstacles for the narrator both physically and emotionally. She lost her house where they lived and also lost her mother. Her valuable belongings were carried away from them by strangers who refused to return them. Many pre-war, post-war perceptions can be seen in the story. Starting from the loss of life to the selfish and cruel nature of a woman, so many varied emotions are portrayed through this short story.

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Notes

→ Narrator's first visit to 46 Marconi Street.

- Mrs. Dowling shows no sign of recognition
- Narrator recognises her mother's green knitted Cardigan
- Mrs. Dowling expresses her surprise at the survival of the narrator who she thought had been dead along with her mother.
- She refuses to talk to the girl.
- She fears that the girl might ask for her mother's belonging

→ Narrator's mother acquires acquaintance with Mrs. Dowling

- Regular visits by Mrs. Dowling to her mother
- The lady had started carrying away the things from narrator's house
- Mrs. Dowling suggested that she would keep the things to protect them if narrator's mother had to leave the house due to the war
- Valuable possessions including table silver crockery antique plates were all taken away
- ~~Narrator~~

→ Narrator's stream of thoughts

- She was not interested in her mother's things store at Number 46, Marconi street
- She feared her memories would ~~reflect~~ connect themselves to her mother ^{who was} ~~no more~~.
- However when things ~~got~~ ^{went} back to normal after the war she became curious about all the positions
- She wanted to see them, touch them and remember them

→ Mother's belongings bring back old memories

- Green knitted Cardigan
- ~~Hand~~ candle holder which was never used
- Woolen table cloth with a burn mark
- White tea pot with a gold border on its lid.
- Antique box for spoons
- An apple on ~~lewtex~~ plate.
- The ~~spoon~~, forks, knives all made of silver

→ Narrator wants to forget the address

- The girl was horrified to see her mother's belongings.
- Old memories came flooding back to her.
- The ~~narrator~~ felt sad at the underestimated

value of her mother's belongings.

Value of her mother's belongings was lost for her.

- The narrator felt that she had no place for them.
- She decided to forget the past and move on in life.